

# FEMA Awards Over \$1.3 Million to Clark University for COVID-19 Testing Costs

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**BOSTON** – The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending more than \$1.3 million to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to reimburse Clark University for the cost of testing students, faculty and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$1,312,631 Public Assistance grant will reimburse the private research university in Worcester for the cost of administering 68,192 tests between August 2021 and January 2022, including setting up a testing center on the campus and paying both student workers and contracted staff to run the center.

“FEMA is pleased to be able to assist the Clark University with these costs,” said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich. “Providing resources for our institutions of higher education to combat the COVID-19 pandemic is critical to their success, and to our success as a nation.”

FEMA’s Public Assistance program is an essential source of funding for states and communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency.

So far, FEMA has provided more than \$1.5 billion in Public Assistance grants to Massachusetts to reimburse the commonwealth for pandemic-related expenses.

